details of the spill over programme and the extent of aid sought for and granted so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The programme for development of infrastructure and environment for slum areas form part of the State sector and the Budget provisions for the same are included in the State Annual Plan as part of the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). A one time grant of Rs. 100 crores was sanctioned by the then Prime Minister in 1985 for tackling the housing and slum problems in Bombay—Rs. 41 crores for urban renewal, Rs. 22 crores for slum upgradation and Rs. 37 crores for Dharavi Redevelopment. The total amount released to the Government of Maharashtra is indicated year-wise;

86-87	10 crores
87-88	20 crores
88-89	20 crores
89-90	25 crores
90-91	10 crores
91-92	3 crores
TOTAL :	88 crores

The balance amount of Rs. 12 crores will be released to the State Government on the basis of performance by the State Government.

In addition, the Ministry of Finance granted Rs. 50 crores to Government of Maharashtra for provision of basic amenities in slums in Bombay on the recommendation of the Ninth Finance Commission with the Condition that the State government would also make a matching provision of the same amount for this purpose. Recently, an additional Central assistance of Rs. 20 crores has been allocated by Planning Commission for tackling special problems of Bombay during 92-93 Annual Plan.

3218. [*Transferred to the 18th March, 1993*].

Possession of Ridges by DDA

3219. SHRI M. A. BABY :

SHRI ASHIS SEN :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority got the possession of Ridges in the Capital; and

(b) if so, what is the future plan of the DDA for Ridge ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a proposal in this regard has been formulated by Delhi Administration.

Denudation of Ridges in the Capital

3220. SHRI ASHIS SEN :

SHRI MD. SALIM :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Ridges of the Capital are in danger of being denuded further; and

(b) if so, what steps are to be taken to prevent the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) DDA reports that the areas of Ridges in their control are properly maintained. Boundary walls, link chains fencing have been provided where necessary and adequate watch and ward staff have been posted round the clock. NDMC is also maintaining 45 acres of the area under protected plantation. A decision has been taken by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to transfer the entire ridge to DDA for maintenance and care.